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"Nearly all the working people and a number of the smaller merchants with their belongings have left for other places. All work in the bay has in consequence been suspended. Several ships have been ordered from here to load in other ports, and it is expected that the remaining ships will soon receive like orders. All ships to arrive will receive instructions to immediately proceed to Iquique.

"The statistics up to March 21 are as follows:

Normal population (census of 1895).....	3, 635
Present population (estimated)	400
Excluding patients in the isolated hospitals	132
Total deaths known to date	133
Patients discharged as cured	45

"The average number of new cases per day since the appearance of the plague has been 1 per cent, of which 45 per cent have proved fatal.

"The reports that the disease is declining are not true. The number of new cases per day is less, but this is owing to the small number of people now residing here. Many who have fled have carried the disease to other places.

"On the 3d of this month there were 18 dead bodies lying at the lazaretto, with no one to bury them, and these dead bodies were in the same place as the sick.

"Doctor Middleton, who was to make a report on sanitary affairs, has left for Arica."

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Report from Cienfuegos—Inspection of vessels—Malarial fever on steamship Falco from Coatzacoalcas.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McMahon reports, April 25, as follows:

During the week ended April 22, 1905, 4 vessels were inspected and bills of health issued to ports in the United States. One of these vessels, the steamship *Falco*, arrived at this port from Coatzacoalcas on April 11, and while in this port 2 members of her crew developed mild attacks of malaria. She was held in quarantine during the entire time she remained here.

Aside from this there was no other sickness on board of any of the vessels.

Report from Habana—Inspection of vessels.

Surgeon Wertenbaker reports, April 24, as follows:

Week ended April 22, 1905.

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued.....	29
Crew of outgoing vessels inspected.....	983
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected	670

No quarantinable diseases have been reported in the city or island during the week.

Report from Matanzas—Inspection of vessels—Scarlet fever and measles—Increase in number of mosquitoes—Mortuary statistics.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, April 25, as follows:

During the week ended April 22, 1905, bills of health were issued to 4 vessels leaving this port for the United States in good sanitary condition.